

**ABSTRACT:**

5 A supplemental spine fixation device and method is used in  
association with a primary spine fixation device. The supplemental spine  
fixation device includes a guide and spacer for distracting apart adjacent  
10 spinous processes and the device has hook members which hook about  
the first and second spinous processes. With the spinous processes  
distracted and the hook members about the spinous processes, the hook  
members can be rigidly secured to a hub in order to rigidly affix the  
spinous processes about the spacer. The rigidity between the spinous  
15 processes assures that the vertebral bodies will be held rigidly in place in  
order to promote bone growth and fusion. Further additional freedom of  
movement between the spacer and hub is accomplished with the spacer  
being pivotably mounted relative to the hub. The hooks have a tissue  
distracting lead-in guide for allowing the hooks to be easily urged  
between spinous processes.